71, 2009, 085,03009



Statues of Abraham Lincoln

Gutzon Borglum City College, New York, N.Y.

Excerpts from newspapers and other sources

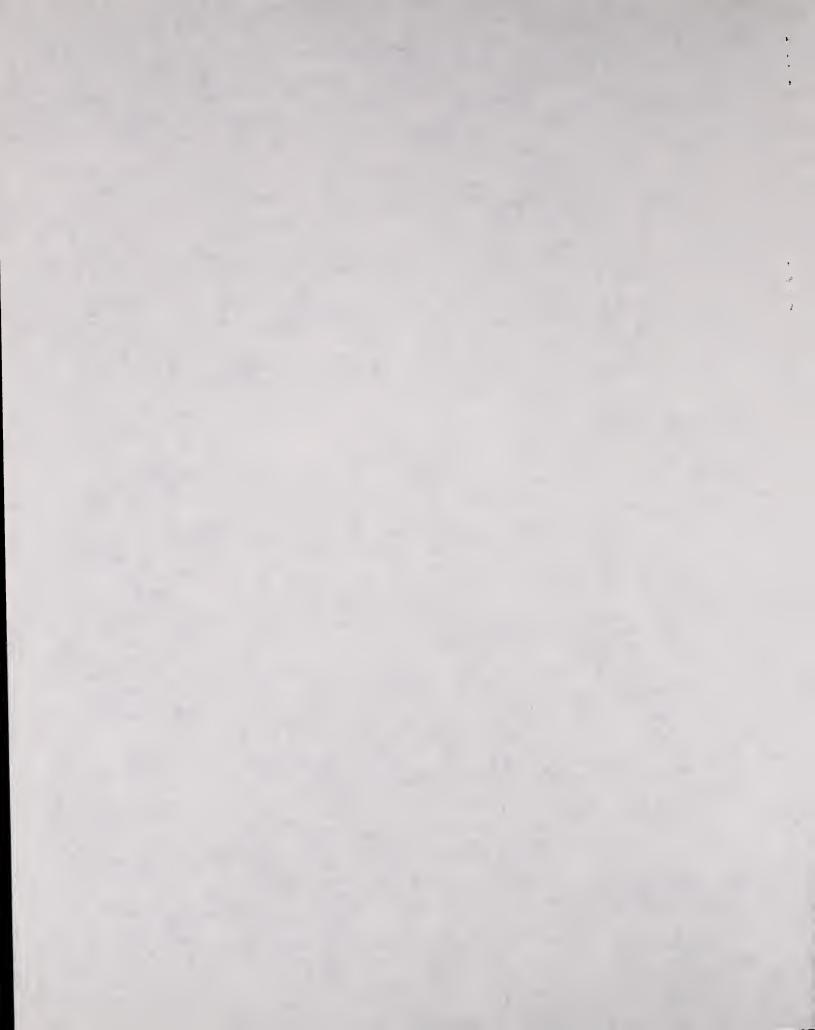
From the files of the Lincoln Financial Foundation Collection

Digitized by the Internet Archive in 2012 with funding from State of Indiana through the Indiana State Library

50 Brand Drive Huntington, n.y. 11743 January 16, 1964 The Lincoln national Life Foundation Fort Wayne, Indiana stution: Dr. P. Gerald mc murtry Dear Dr. mc murtry Having read several references to Timeohn status in "Lindu Lore" I recalled the Lucola bust n the campus of my alma mater, The college of the city of n.y. I wrote to the college a few days ago and asked for details. The attached letter and photo are the results. I realize that you may already have this information in your file but an sending this on in case you don't.



The small photo is one I took myself when at the campus. I may be prejudiced hat I like it better than the Pficial one. the reference to the sheing noxe is due to a "city" tradition that subbing it before an exame brings good luck. Jon are, of course, at liberty to use this information as you see fix but I would like to have the letter and photos returned. I am a philatelist specializing in Lincolniana and want to use those as illustrations for pages in my I hope you find the above zons truly Shilbert & lung



OFFICE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

January 14, 1964

Mr. G. Gilbert Kleine 50 Brand Drive Huntington, New York 11743

Dear Mr. Kleine:

In answer to your request for information about the Abraham Lincoln head at City College, the bronze bust is the work of the late sculptor Gutzon Borglum. It is a copy of the head of Lincoln carved in stone by Borglum on Mount Rushmore, South Dakota. Borglum presented it to City College in 1908. It stands more than three feet high on a tall stone pedestal outside the Convent Avenue entrance to Shepard Hall (formerly the Main Building). The pedestal, designed by professor of art Albert P. d'Andrea (now chairman of the art department) and erected in 1928, was the gift of the Class of 1910.

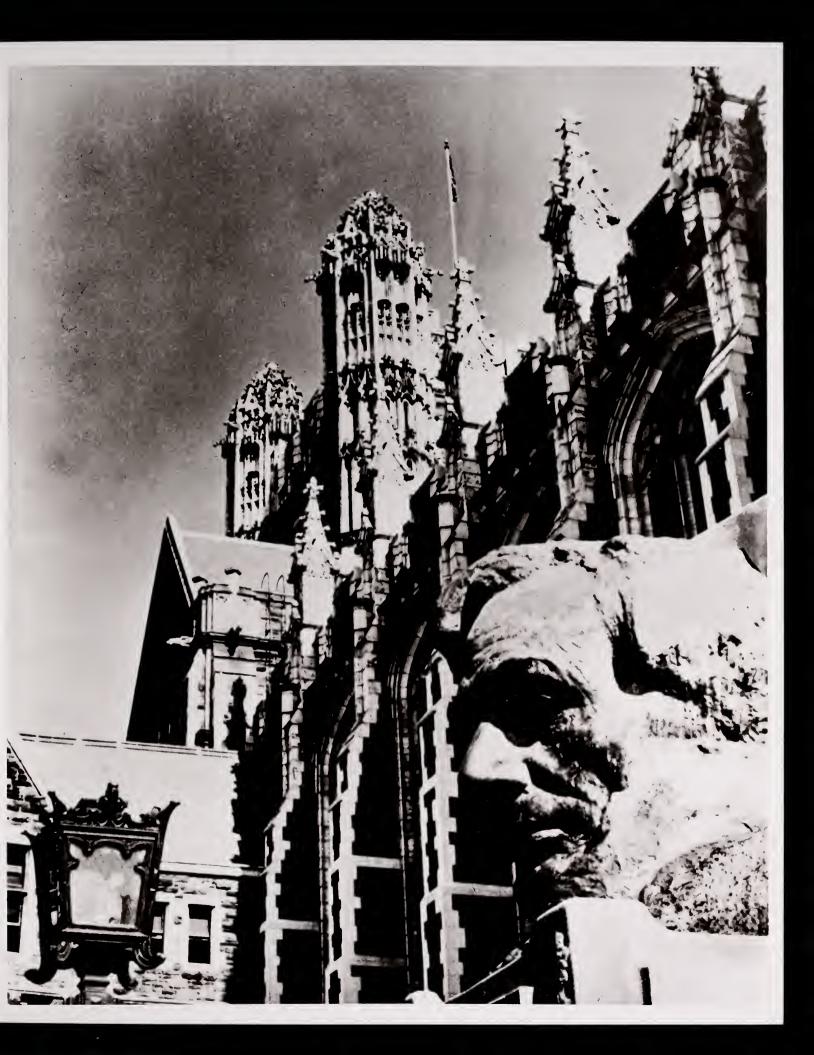
You are right about the tradition of rubbing the nose of the statue before exams for good luck. How and when the custom arose is not known, but it probably was the invention of a fraternity.

There is no brochure available concerning the Lincoln bust, but I am enclosing a photograph of the statue for your interest. (You may note that the nose is the shiniest portion.)

Yours truly,

(race Luscher (Miss) Grace Fischer Assistant Director





CCNY LINCOLN - BY BORGLUM (1908)
SHEPARD HALL IN BACKGROUND

January 21, 1964

Mr. G. Gilbert Kleine 50 Brand Drive Huntington, New York

Dear Mr. Kleine:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 16 enclosing the pictures of the Borglum colossal bust of Lincoln at City College, New York. Dr. McMurtry will be away from the office until the end of February, on a speaking tour, so I will take the liberty of answering for him and thanking you in his behalf for sending us the pictures and information.

We did not have pictures of this particular bust in our collection, so we are very happy to have copies made for our files. As soon as the photographer has completed the work, we will see that your photographs, as well as the letter, are returned to you.

Sincerely yours,

rh/

(Mrs.) Ruth P. Higgins Asst. to Dr. McMurtry

duter of photos returned

A STATE OF THE STA that I stated it at The second through the LANGE AND PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY. SUMMER STREET वेर् क्ष्मानाम है के प्राप्त करते हैं। उन्हें कि प्राप्त के प्राप्त करते हैं। वर्ष करते के प्राप्त करते हैं। and desired and analytical control carefunctions and the second desired made there is not at Sity College, are trible to a court in a college with a stage to a stage t · 医生物 医中心 医性性皮肤炎 医脑膜管 医皮肤 医皮肤 医二氏性脑膜炎 经股份的 经有效的 in a call of the terms of the contract of the said i bi it signif fatigation may be the in the second of their ortion and the state of the contract of the state o ay the Market and the first of the contract of the month of the parties of the contract of the contract of was analysis but held not been been at a region of mixing or in the same ties. The said of the said of the said ASSERT AND THE GETT PRINCE OF THE CHANGE

